LIFESTYLE / C1

No, 'Brangelina' not at Shangri-La Boracay; too bad for them

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Biz Buzz: Exciting knife fight at Meralco stockholders meet May 26

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Villar to take media for ride for ocular inspection of C-5

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Alec Baldwin gets flak for slur on Filipinas

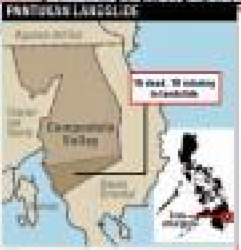
Estrada candidacy splits legal experts

By Christian V. Esguerra, Christine O. Avendaño and Kristine L. Alave

CAN HE? WILL HE? SHOULD HE?

Joseph Estrada's insistence that he can run again for president in 2010 not only divided legal experts, but drew pieces of unsolicited advice and early warnings.

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PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS
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Landslide hits Compostela Valley town; 16 killed

By Frinston Lim
Inquirer Mindanao

PANTUKAN, COMPOSTELA VALLEY—Manuel Paña never knew what hit him. It was all about. [illegible]

He was resting on Monday afternoon when he rose to look out and was immediately engulfed in a rush of boulders and mud that tumbled on the rain-soaked hill, crushing his hut and swallowing him and his year-old child.

"They were both taken away from me while I watched helplessly," said Paña's wife Jocelyn, one of 20 people rescued in the landslide.

"It was very painful," she said, recounting seeing the head of her child bobbing in the mudslide before disappearing.

Jocelyn was on a makeshift stretcher in a school here where the survivors were taken.

Paña and his child were among at least 16 people, mostly miners, killed in the landslide that hit Barangay Napnapan's Sitio Mangagipis and other nearby villages, according to police and provincial officials.

At least 11 others were reported as missing and feared dead.

LANDSLIDE A17

Erap: Noli toughest opponent in 2010

Claims VP, like him, has most 'masa' following

By Fe Zamora and Cynthia D. Balana

JOSEPH ESTRADA SEES A battle royal between himself and Vice President Noli de Castro if they both make a pitch for No. 1 in the 2010 presidential election.

Estrada yesterday told the Inquirer that only De Castro could rival him when it came to winning the support of the Filipino poor, who, he claimed, "comprise 80-90 percent of the voters."

"Only Noli and I have mass [masa] appeal," the deposed President said in a telephone interview. "I can feel that he also appeals to the D and E sectors."

In case both he and De Castro seek the presidency, "Noli would be a tough candidate to beat," Estrada said, adding:

"He would make for a formidable opponent."

The two men have similar backgrounds. Both enjoyed massive media exposure—Estrada as a movie star and De Castro as a radio/TV journalist—before entering politics.

Estrada started his political career as

ERAP A18



MASS APPEAL Chords out here ex-President Joseph Estrada and VP Noli de Castro look when in tandem as in this photo taken in November 2007, at St. Scholastica College, Manila, during the funeral Mass for Dolor Bagatsing, wife of Estrada's lawyer Rene. [partly illegible]

Bid for Con-ass plenary vote fails

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

CAMARINES SUR REP. LUIS VILLAFUERTE was left red in the face yesterday after his peers in the majority ignored his plea to junk his proposal to amend the Constitution and instead made a spirited drive to bring it to a plenary debate.

But the advance of House Resolution No. 1109 pressed by Villafuerte was delayed for another week after the majority failed to muster enough votes at the committee on constitutional amendments to carry to the floor the measure seeking to convene a constituent assembly (Con-ass).

"Isn't it pathetic that after I have withdrawn, most everybody can now say you're the only one who has withdrawn, we will continue with the resolution that you have drafted anyway? Isn't that pathetic?" he said.

Villafuerte urged the majority to follow his lead in abandoning HR 1109 and all efforts to change the Constitution, including House Resolution No. 737 that Speaker Prospero Nograles is pushing to amend the Charter purportedly to get rid of restrictions on foreign investments.

Villafuerte declared that Charter

BID FOR CON-ASS A18

Charice 'Note to God' tops Amazon, iTunes charts

By Pocholo Concepcion
Entertainment

FILIPINO SINGER CHARICE PEMPENGCO has scored another triumph in her international career when her single "Note to God," released only in the United States, broke into the Amazon.com and iTunes music charts.

Amazon is America's largest online retailer, while iTunes accounts for 70 percent of worldwide sales of digital downloads and is the No. 1 music retailer globally.

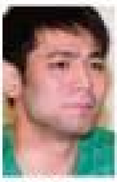
"Note to God" is currently No. 3 on Amazon's mp3 Downloads Bestsellers and Hot New Releases section, and No. 1 on the Movers and Shakers, or the biggest gainer in sales rank as of yesterday. It is also No. 9

CHARICE A4



EYE-GRABBER Video grab of the alleged sex video of Kho and starlet Katrina Halili in bed. Halili had apologized for her affair with Kho.

Bong mad, wants license of doc in sex video revoked



HAYDEN KHO Beyond skin deep in trouble. INQUIRER PHOTO

By Christine O. Avendaño and Marinel R. Cruz

CALLING HIM A "PERVERT OF THE HIGHEST order" and a "predator," Sen. Ramon "Bong" Revilla Jr. yesterday accused Dr. Hayden Kho of being behind a sex video with a "prominent personality" that was "obviously taken without [her] consent."

In a rare privilege speech titled "A Doctor's Perversity," an enraged Revilla called Kho a few more names and condemned the doctor for committing such an act.

Revilla said he had heard about two other sex videos involving Kho and other women.

BONG MAD A17

Asean finally breaks silence on Suu Kyi arrest

BANGKOK—THE ASSOCIATION of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) yesterday expressed "grave concern" but ruled out sanctions against Burma (Myanmar) in the bloc's first official reaction to the trial of democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

In Rangoon (Yangon), Burma's military regime appears to be rushing the trial, one of Suu Kyi's lawyers said on the second day of proceedings seen as a pretext for the government to keep the Nobel laureate jailed through elections next year.

Of a total of 22 witnesses expected to testify, 21 are police officers.

The Asean bloc, which rarely speaks out on the domestic political issues of its 10 members, issued the statement through current chair Thailand five days after the charges against Suu Kyi were first filed. It called for the immediate release of the detained Nobel Peace laureate.

"Thailand, as the Asean chair, expresses grave concern about recent developments relating to

ASEAN A19

UN slams RP torture report, 16 yrs late

By Christian V. Esguerra

A PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT report nearly two decades in the making on cases of torture and similar brutal acts has failed to satisfy the United Nations Committee Against Torture.

In its own 12-page report, the UN committee expressed "grave concern" over what it called "a climate of impunity" involving police, military and other Philippine government officials that had purportedly paved the way for such acts.

It called the government's attention to the status of the latter's compliance with the 1984 Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment.

The committee criticized the Philippine government for submitting its report "16 years late," with the document still lacking in "statistical information and practical information on the implementation of the provisions of the Convention

UN SLAMS A19



Silence to drown out political noise urged

By Julie M. Aurelio

"SECRET."

This is what you should say when someone asks: Who will you vote for in the 2010 elections?

A spiritual group calling itself the Silent Society yesterday called on voters not to reveal the candidate of their choice to uphold the sanctity of their

SILENCE A6



SAY IT WITH SILENCE Members of the Silent Society convened by Ala Halili and Fr. Raul Enriquez (center), hold a press conference at the Christ the King Seminary in Quezon City. [illegible]

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2009

WEATHER FORECAST

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THE SMARTMATIC COUNTING MACHINE

Not yet in the bag for qualified bidder

By Kristine L. Alave

ALTHOUGH IT REMAINS THE only bidder to have so far passed all the bidding requirements, the Smartmatic International and Total Information Management Corp., with a bid offer of P7 billion, is not yet considered the bidder with the lowest offer, Comelec officials said.

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Not yet complete

"The process is not yet complete. There are many concerns along the way," said [illegible], the committee vice chair.

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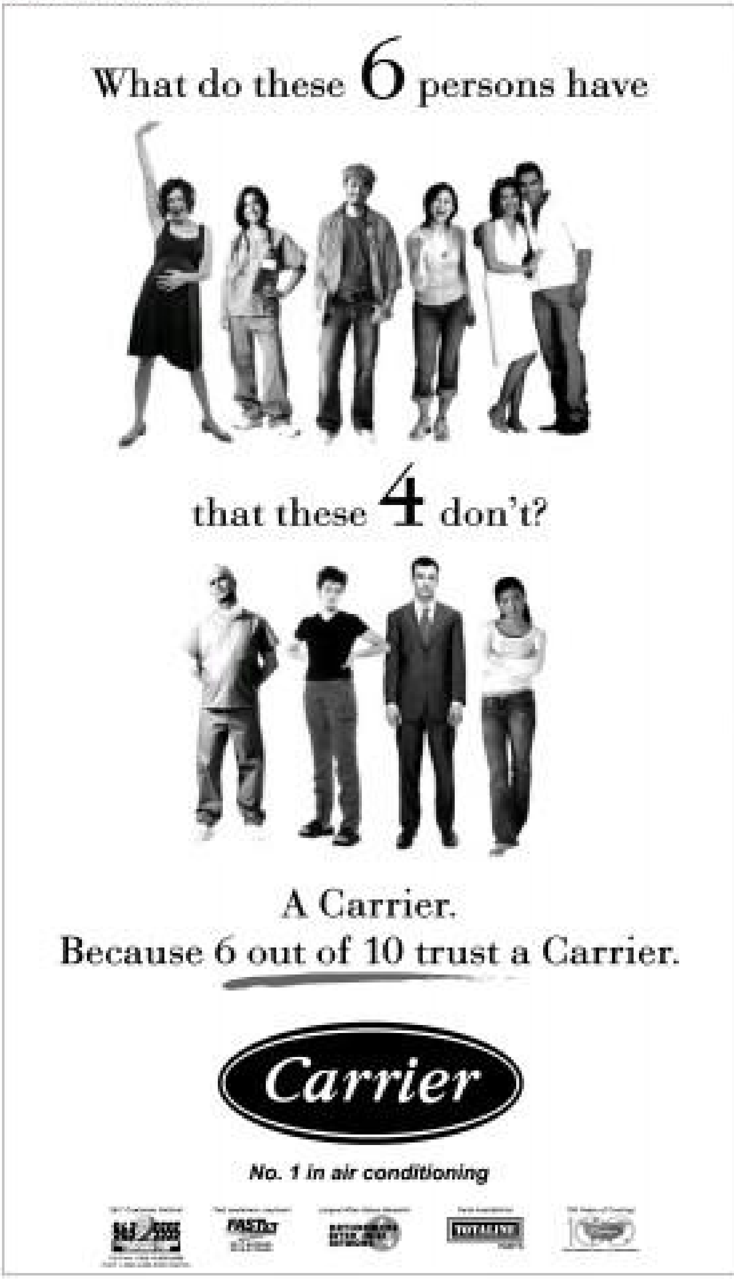
Lowest bidder

Only the company with the lowest calculated bid will be allowed to show the committee the machines to be used in the 2010 national elections.

[illegible]

Voting machines

[illegible]



BALIKATAN HOUSING FINANCE, INC. AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9507

Addressing delinquency in the housing sector

For many years, thousands of housing loan accounts have remained delinquent with borrowers. Faced with this reality, government initiated programs to address the worsening crisis: (i) the sell down and management outsourcing of the most highly delinquent accounts from the National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation to the private sector, and (ii) the passage and enactment of the new loan restructuring and condonation act.



BALIKATAN HOUSING FINANCE ACQUIRES HIGHLY DELINQUENT MORTGAGE PORTFOLIO THROUGH A JOINT VENTURE WITH NHMFC

The Transaction. [illegible]

The Mandate. [illegible]



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REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9507 (THE NEW HOUSING LOAN RESTRUCTURING AND CONDONATION ACT OF 2008)

RA No. 9507 took effect on March 19, 2009, paving the way for more delinquent borrowers to avail of opportunities to settle their loans. [illegible]

[illegible]

ALIGNED CONDONATION PROGRAMS

FEATURES	Balikatan Housing	RA 9507
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Borrower Type		
• [illegible]	YES	YES
• [illegible]	N/A	YES
Delinquency Type		
• [illegible]	YES	NO
PENALTY CONDONATION	YES	YES
INTEREST CONDONATION	YES	YES
PRINCIPAL CONDONATION	YES	NO
TERM RESTRUCTURING	YES	YES
INTEREST RATE OF 12%	YES	YES
STRICT FORECLOSURE FOLLOW THROUGH FOR DEFAULTING LOANS	YES	YES

Qualified / Available (YES) Not Qualified / Not Available (NO) Not Applicable (N/A)

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Silence to drown out political noise urged



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ballot.

By simply saying "secret" to anyone who asks, voters would be empowered by their decision to keep silent.

In a press conference at the Christ the King seminary in Quezon City, the Silent Society asked Filipinos to [illegible] their choices in silence and keep their vote a secret until election day.

The group is made up mostly of members of a spiritual group called Servants of the [illegible].

"By reflecting in silence and keeping your vote a secret until the day you cast it, you will uphold its sanctity," said Ma Halili, the group's convenor.

By keeping one's vote secret, Halili added, the true voice of the people would be heard and not drowned out by noise from campaigning politicians and [illegible].

Like Gandhi

"If we choose not to divulge our candidate, the electoral race would shift towards issues and platforms. [It will] no longer be a contest based on big names," Halili said.

Halili, an interior designer who lived in the United States for 13 years, said she herself was surprised at how silence had brought wonders especially while reflecting on issues and choices.

"It's like [Mahatma] Gandhi's action through inaction. Because we are not telling people to go to the streets. We are just saying 'Shhh,'" she explained.

The Silent Society also launched yesterday a campaign dubbed "The Silent Society, The Great Shift."

The shift, Halili said, would be from big names trying to outdo each other to issue-based and platform-centered political campaigning.

"If you are silent about your vote, the discussion would be focused on issues," she added.

Prediction surveys ask participants the candidates of choice. Based on the results, polling bodies make a list of candidates most likely to win.

"But these surveys are not there for free, someone pays for them," Halili said. "We don't even know how the questions are phrased. [If they are phrased] to arrive at certain results. What we are aiming for is a discussion based on platforms, [illegible]."

Change within

For group member Fr. [illegible], the shift or change should be made within the person.

"Let us make a culture of silence, of reflection everyday. This is our weapon in a real democracy. We should try to avoid [illegible] policies and protect our ballot by not divulging our choices to anyone," [illegible] said in Filipino.

The Silent Society urged Filipinos to identify a positive trait within themselves and use this trait to show their "goodness."

A [illegible] called the "[illegible]" encourages participants to do good to others. "You choose to become true to that commitment, that oath," Halili said.

The Silent Society clarified that it was not a political group and it would not be endorsing any candidate for any position in the 2010 polls.

"But the candidates are welcome to endorse us and our silent campaign," Halili said.

Online campaign

The group said it planned to make the public aware of their cause through an online campaign, a "Silent Society Song" which can be downloaded from the Internet, and by word of mouth.

Another speaker, Fr. [illegible], warned that come election time, aside from the candidates for office [illegible] thanks to political ads on radio, TV and print. They would be filled with sweet but empty promises, he said.

"I find these ads insulting, paternalistic, manipulative and exploitative of the weaknesses of the Filipino. They want us to remain subjects and not citizens," [illegible] said.

He said reflection would help Filipinos understand that to vote is not just a right, but a sacred responsibility to the country.

"In silence, we listen not only to what the candidates are saying, but to what they are not saying. People lie with their lips and tell the truth with their lives. We need discipline to live truthfully and not succumb to the endless seductions of empty promises," [illegible] said.

Charice ...

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on the Hot 100 chart.

The song is partly an emotional prayer whose lyrics are about what one would say to a lover or God.

It has just been posted on YouTube—the video-sharing website where the world discovered Charice—and is the first single in her forthcoming debut album being produced by her musical mentor, David Foster.

It is actually a cover version of a composition by Diane Warren (who also wrote Aerosmith's "I Don't Want To Miss a Thing," Celine Dion's "Because You Loved Me," and Toni Braxton's "Unbreak My Heart").

Oprah show

The 16-year-old Charice first sang the song on America's highest-rating TV show "Oprah" only on Monday—the day it was also released as a digital download.

On the Amazon Bestsellers chart, "Note to God" ranks behind the Black Eyed Peas' "Boom Boom Pow" but has overtaken Lady GaGa's "Poker Face," Miley Cyrus' "The Climb," Taylor Swift's "Love Story," Beyonce's "Halo," and Coldplay's "Viva La Vida."

On the iTunes chart, Charice's single is ahead of Beyonce's "Beautiful."

Charice was again featured in a high-profile show on May 9 at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, where she performed with Foster in a tribute concert for Celine Dion.

June 12 celebration

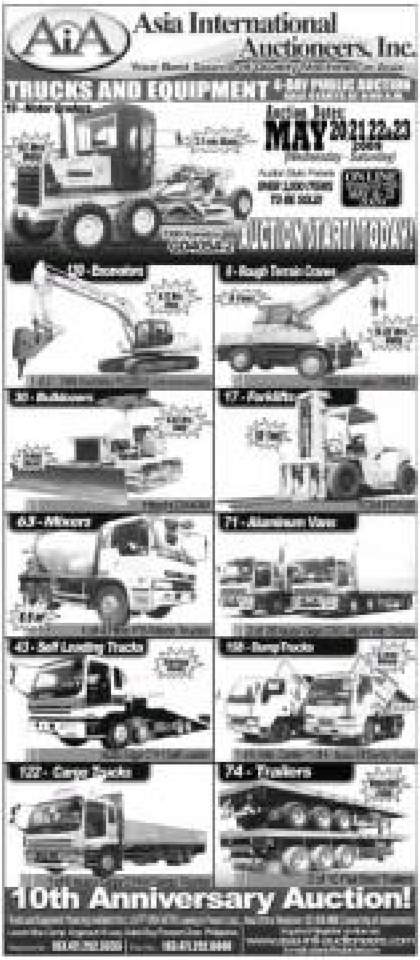
On May 24, Charice will make her second appearance as a guest on the Italian musical variety show "Ti lascio una canzone" ("Leave a Song"). Its producers reportedly insisted that she return after having sung in the program's season premiere in April.

She comes home to Manila on June 8 to participate in the Philippine Independence Day celebration on June 12. She flies back to the United States on June 13 to finish recording her album.

Charice's local music label, Star Records, has released her second Philippine album, "My Inspiration," which features original compositions by Pinoy songwriters and a cover of Helen Reddy's "You and Me Against the World"—in which she duets with her mother Raquel, who reportedly trained her to become a singer.

"My Inspiration" has likewise landed at No. 2 on the best-selling local albums chart of Odyssey Music & Video, a nationwide record store chain.

Charice is scheduled to have a major concert on June 27 at SMX Convention Center beside SM Mall of Asia in Pasay City.



Mercy's foes told: Accept defeat in impeach bid

By Philip C. Tubeza

Edgardo A. Reyes; 81

The Daily Gospel

Alec Baldwin gets flak for slur on Filipinas





Whistle-blower goes to SC with plea for writ of amparo



Journalist sees name on Army 'hit list'



INFORMANT'S REWARD
A masked informant points to Philippine National Police chief Director General Jesus Verzosa's photo on the "most wanted" poster of the Philippine National Police after receiving his cash reward for information leading to the arrest of one of two suspects in separate media killings in Aurora and Quezon. The PNP [illegible] a total of P[illegible] for the information leading to the arrest of [illegible] Marcos and Hernandez Bicendo.

DepEd open to delaying school opening

DOH explains why RP is still swine flu-free

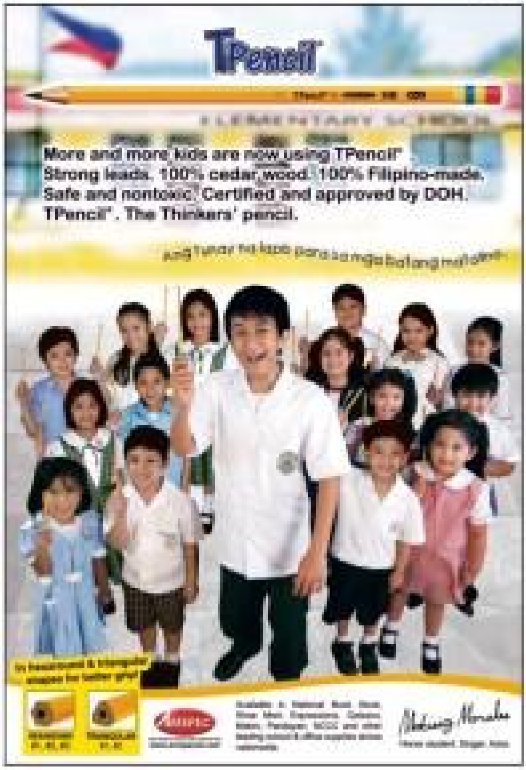
Quarantine checks

Zero case

4 Pinay 'tourist workers' held at Clark

No Pinoy casualties







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Villar to take media for a ride around C-5 road

By Christine O. Avendaño

WITH SEN. MANUEL VILLAR set to take the media for an inspection of the controversial C-5 road today, Sen. Panfilo Lacson could only pray the former would show them the right road.

"Sana huwag niya iligaw ang media. [illegible]

of the whole or [illegible] today. I hope he doesn't mislead the media. I hope he will bring them to the road being discussed by the committee of the whole and not to another road," Lacson said.

Both Lacson and Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile said it was Villar's "prerogative" to conduct his own ocular of the road that Sen. Jamby Madrigal alleged the senator to have rerouted to benefit his real estate empire in Parañaque and Las Piñas.

No decision yet

"They're free to do anything they want," Enrile told reporters, as he noted he did not know whether Villar would present the result of his own inspection to the Senate acting as a committee of the whole, which has yet to decide whether to investigate Villar on Madrigal's complaint.

"If [Villar] will go to the same place, I hope they will supply us with a copy of their own ocular inspection or the media. I hope the media will get the correct pictures," Enrile said.

The Senate president said he did not know whether the Senate would conduct its own inspection of the controversial road because it was still in the "preliminaries."

The Senate acting as a committee of the whole will decide tomorrow whether the evidence submitted by Madrigal against Villar was "substantial and credible" enough to warrant a full investigation of Villar.

Villar and the minority bloc have boycotted the deliberations of the Senate acting as a committee of the whole due to questions over the fairness of the rules adopted in the probe.

Villar had claimed there was no realignment or rerouting of the road because there were actually two roads involved and not one road that was realigned.

Corrections

IN THE MAY 15 ISSUE, a photo caption on Page D2 of the Lifestyle section misspelled the first name of a civic leader. Her name is Maribel—not Marybel—Ongpin.

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IN THE MAY 14 ISSUE, an Across the Nation story on Page A14—"Sulu governor survives bomb attack; 5 hurt"—misspelled the first name of the governor of Sulu. The Sulu governor is Abdusakur—not Abusakalan—Tan.

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IN THE MAY 13 ISSUE, a front-page story—"Navy whistle-blower ordered arrested for 'desertion'"—misstated that Navy Lt. Nancy Gadian's leave began on April 22. Her leave ended on April 22.

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IN THE MAY 16 ISSUE, a front-page story—"Thomas says no to Pacman the movie"—misspelled the surname of a former first lady. Her name is Imelda Marcos—not [illegible].

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Readers may send their requests for correction of factual errors in writing to the [illegible], Philippine Daily Inquirer, [illegible]

Complaints about lack of fairness or [illegible]

Health Advisory

Influenza A(H1N1)

The Philippines is still Influenza A(H1N1)-free. Let's keep it that way.

What is Influenza A(H1N1)?

- is a new strain of virus that resulted from the reassortment of 4 viruses from pigs, human and birds
- can cause pneumonia, which can be fatal
- no vaccine yet discovered to protect human

Signs and symptoms in humans

- Flu-like symptoms such as:
  - Fever
  - Headache
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or joint pains
  - Lack of appetite
  - Runny nose
  - Sore throat
  - Cough
- Some cases have been reported to have diarrhea, nausea and vomiting

Mode of transmission of Influenza A(H1N1)

- Exposure to droplets from the cough and sneeze of the infected person, or by touching things with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose.
- By touching your mouth, nose or eyes after you got in contact with contaminated object and infected person.

Prevention

- Use tissue to cover your nose and mouth when coughing and sneezing
- Immediately and properly dispose of used tissue
- Frequent and proper handwashing with soap and water
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizers
- Avoid close contact with persons exhibiting flu-like symptoms
- Increase your body's resistance by:
  - Sleeping at least 8 hours regularly
  - Managing stress
  - Drinking plenty of fluids
  - Eating nutritious food with lots of vitamins and minerals

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OPINION

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Lacson explains case against Villar

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

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Book burning in Manila

ANALYSIS



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Food and food for thought

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Is the law on our national anthem extremely puritanical?

GSIS' constant refrain: in the process of updating and reposting our records

Building a more meaningful legacy

Landslide hits Compostela Valley

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Gov. Arturo Uy of Compostela Valley said 13 of the fatalities, including women and children, were from Sitio Mangagoy.

Another fatality was reported at nearby Camanga. Most of the fatalities were working in the minepit owned by Felix.

Uy said 19 people, most of them miners, were treated for injuries. Three of them were airlifted to a Philippine Air Force helicopter then brought to a medical team, police said.

The Associated Press reported 26 people dead and 4 missing in the disaster that demolished 39 shanties and a house.

"It happened very quickly that I was not able to grab even a piece of shirt," said Bobby Caballero, 35, one of those rescued. "Boulders and mud suddenly swallowed our house, buried us."

Miners ignored warnings

The disaster was the latest to hit Compostela Valley where officials have been warned about the risks of mining in the landslide-prone area. Two years ago, nine people were killed in a landslide there.

The area was evacuated after days of rain, but residents had ignored warnings to leave, Uy said.

"We have been asking them to leave, and we are planning to cordon the area," the governor said.

"We are happy to have the gold mining area here. But the dark side are the deaths that occur in these natural calamities."

Senior Supt. Ronald dela Rosa, provincial police chief, said most of the victims were resting in their bunkhouse when tragedy struck.

Days of continuous rains had already destroyed the road linking the village to the disaster site, making rescue and recovery operations difficult. Medical teams had to be transported by helicopter.

Jay-R Torres, 18, said he was in a bunkhouse resting with six others near the house of the Felix when he heard a loud sound followed by mud and boulders crashing.

In the next few minutes, he found himself buried in neck-deep debris, screaming. Around him were planks of wood from house walls, rocks and bloodied bodies.

Fellow miners pulled Torres alive. His father's body was recovered under a heap of mud and uprooted trees less than an hour later.

More rains forecast

Because of the tragedy, residents agreed there would be asked to leave or evacuate to a safe area, Mayor Celso Sarmiento said.

He said the local government had been appealing miners to discontinue operating there because of risks.

"But they won't heed our appeal. Operations there were already declared illegal but still they persist. It's their livelihood they would insist, much more now that gold commands a high price in the market," the mayor said.

Officials said residents reported that a sudden *buhawi* (cloudburst) hit the upper part of the area immediately before the landslide at past 2 p.m.

Reporters who visited the area saw a large swathe of barren, sunken patch from the side of the hill, while several makeshift huts with blue tarp roofs also caved in.

Caballero said the area was not landslide-prone since the soil there was rocky and more stable.

"There were no warnings or any kilabot-on government[?]. It was just sudden. As if nature has suddenly become angry," he said, adding that he had also survived previous landslides in the area, including the one that hit Pangasinan area where several miners died.

"I'm still fortunate I escaped with my life. My companions weren't just so lucky," Caballero said.

Iligan City

Forecasters said additional rain over Mindanao could trigger more flooding and landslides.

In Iligan City, officials said floodwaters from the swelling Tubod River swept seven villages, damaging 15 houses and forcing some 600 families to flee their homes. One person was reported injured.

With reports from Richel V. Umel, Inquirer Mindanao and AP



DARK SIDE OF MINING Mud-smeared rescuers carry the body of a landslide victim ... killing 26 at last count. Most of the victims worked in the mining village of Napnapan in Compostela Valley. The landslide is the latest to hit Compostela Valley where officials have been warned of mining in a landslide-prone area. Two years ago, nine people were killed also in a landslide.

Bong mad, wants doc's license revoked

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including a minor.

Kho declined to make comments to media.

'Betrayal'

"The issue of the video itself [are] not what I am angry about, but the betrayal of the doctor, [who took] advantage of the trust, confidence and emotions of his girlfriend to get the video and make it available to the public," said the senator, a former action star before he entered politics.

Revilla named Kho, the boyfriend of cosmetic surgeon to the stars Dr. Vicki Belo, as being behind the sex video. He did not name the women with Kho in the sex video but revealed that she was depressed and could not leave her house after the video was uploaded on the Internet.

He said the woman "these past weeks" had been apologizing for the incident.

The senator was apparently referring to actress Katrina Halili who had publicly apologized for having an affair with Kho.

Halili's complaint

Halili is prepared to file a complaint against Kho in the Senate, according to the actress' publicist Lolit Solis.

"Katrina was not aware that Hayden had set up a camera," Solis told the Inquirer by phone yesterday.

Kho violated Halili's trust, as well as those of other women in a series of sex videos circulating on the Net, she said.

"Hayden is a doctor. Patients give him their trust and allow him to touch their bodies. He abused these women. [They] should revoke his license. He should be made to face the consequences of his actions," Solis said.

The feminist group Gabriela will support Halili, she added.

Revoke his license

Revilla said the video showed Kho's "bad intentions" as the doctor was shown setting up the camera and had positioned the woman so she would appear in the video.

"I am referring to Dr. Hayden Kho who is a pervert of the highest kind, a predator who has no conscience, no respect for women," he said.

PRC letter

He added that he had written the Professional Regulatory Commission to revoke the license of Kho and bar him from the practice of medicine "permanently."

"He has no right to treat patients, just knowing his state of mind ... How will you entrust your daughter to such a doctor?" Revilla said.

He also called Kho "crazy," noting that a person who committed this act was not in his right mind and thus, could even be punished for insanity under the Medical Act.

Bill against perversity

Revilla called for the passage of a law that would punish this kind of perversity.

He said he had a pending bill seeking to punish voyeurism and the [distribution] of sex videos whether it was made with or without the consent of the parties.

The senator called for the punishment of the Internet service provider (ISP) that would give access to lewd videos.

"We can follow the Chinese or Middle Eastern model where all ISPs are required to block online pornography," he said.

Revilla declined to be interpellated by his colleagues, saying he gave the speech for others to be strong enough about the issue.

Kho responsible

Revilla said he had been hearing about the sex video and that someone from the entertainment industry furnished his office a copy.

He said he sent the doctor recently when Kho and Belo were together on a flight to the United States.

Revilla said he had found Kho to be "nice" until he saw the sex video.

Other victims

Even if Kho did not circulate the video, the senator said it was the doctor's "responsibility" because he was the one who had taken it.

He appealed to Kho's other victims to come out and file charges. He promised to help in their legal defense against Kho.

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BAGUIO CITY—A TOP leader of the New People's Army in Abra and suspected mastermind in the 1999 murder of rebel priest Conrado Balweg, his brother, was arrested by police here on Monday.



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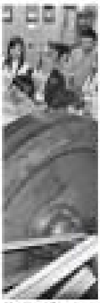
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For them, climate change not just words

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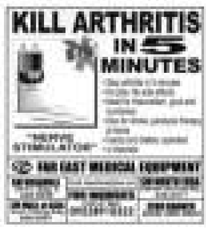
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LAWYERS' GROUP ASKS TRIBUNAL OVER NEW OIL DEPOT RESOLUTION

'Tell Lim not to sign it'

By Tina G. Santos

A GROUP OF LAWYERS YESTERday asked the Supreme Court to order Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim not to sign City Ordinance 7177 which allows oil companies to continue operating the oil depot in the Pandacan area.

In a motion filed with the high tribunal, the Social Justice Society also asked that Lim be stated in contempt should he decide to sign the controversial ordinance.

Ordinance 7177, which creates zones in the city for medium and heavy industries, was approved by the Manila City Council on third and final reading last week. It is expected to be approved or vetoed within 15 days by Lim.

Lim earlier said he has yet to make up his mind on the issue although he stressed that health and public safety would be his primary consideration instead of the fate of big-time industries operating in the city when he makes his decision.

Lawyer Vladimir Cabigao, who represent the SJS, said signing the ordinance into law would be a grave abuse of discretion by the mayor.

"...The proposed ordinance would allow the presence of highly pollutive and extremely hazardous industries in the City of Manila, under which the oil depot, among others, is classified, endangering the people's right to a balanced and healthful ecology," he said in the motion.

"The City of Manila would stand to be damaged, or endangered, if the mayor would not be stopped by the Supreme Court from signing it into law. This fear is well-founded and has been recognized by the high court in its decision and resolution in this case," he added.

Ordinance 7177 was approved a week after the Supreme Court ruled with finality on the legality of Ordinance 8027 and ordered Pilipinas Shell, Chevron and Petron to stop operating the Pandacan oil depot.

It effectively amended Ordinance 8119 (the Manila Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance of 2006) which adopted the provisions of Ordinance 8027.

Under Ordinance 8027, parts of Pandacan and Sta. Ana were reclassified from industrial to commercial zones, in effect banning the operations of the oil depot.

Cabigao stressed that Ordinance 8027 was still in effect and that Lim has to "comply with, enforce and give the necessary action for [illegible] faithful enforcement and execution..."

"...It is his ministerial duty to implement it and he may do that by revoking the licenses of the oil companies because their continued stay therein is already prohibited by Ordinance 8027," he added.

8-vehicle mishap snarls traffic flow

A MULTIPLE COLLISION INVOLVING EIGHT vehicles led to heavy traffic on Osmeña Highway in Makati City at around 8:30 a.m. yesterday.

SPO4 Dionisio Rioza of the Makati Traffic Unit, said an Isuzu Elf truck was traveling south on the highway when it plowed into a vehicle which had stopped at an intersection.

The truck, which was carrying several tons of sugar, hit a Mitsubishi pick-up truck which slammed into the vehicle in front of it, causing a chain reaction.

Mario Pineda, 38, the driver of the Elf truck told the police that he deliberately hit the vehicles in front of him because his truck's brakes had failed. —Catherine Gallardo



Former actor held over 'wang-wang'

By Jeannette I. Andrade



BELLEZA

Lawyer despondent over swollen foot bitten by rat kills self

Self-inflicted

Victim was drunk!

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Plywood sheets pin cargo helper to death

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Cop nabbed for robbing retired cop major, wife

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Japan closes 4,000 schools as swine flu cases soar



JAPANESE junior high school students sanitize their hands at the gate of the Parliament building during a school tour in Tokyo, Japan on Tuesday

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India tests missile

Vietnam reports 1st cholera death

Egypt bares 27th bird flu fatality

Cops dress as women to catch muggers

Scientists discover deadly secret of Komodo bite

The WORLD



Sri Lanka declares victory over Tamil Tiger rebels

COLOMBO—SRI LANKA'S president declared his country "liberated from separatist terror" on Tuesday as the military said it recovered the body of Tamil Tiger rebel leader Velupillai Prabhakaran from the battlefield on which he was slain.

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THE SRI LANKAN Army on Tuesday shows the photo (left) of what is claimed to be the dead body of Tamil Tiger rebel leader Velupillai Prabhakaran. At right is a photo released by The Liberation Tigers for Tamil Eelam (LTTE) of their leader.

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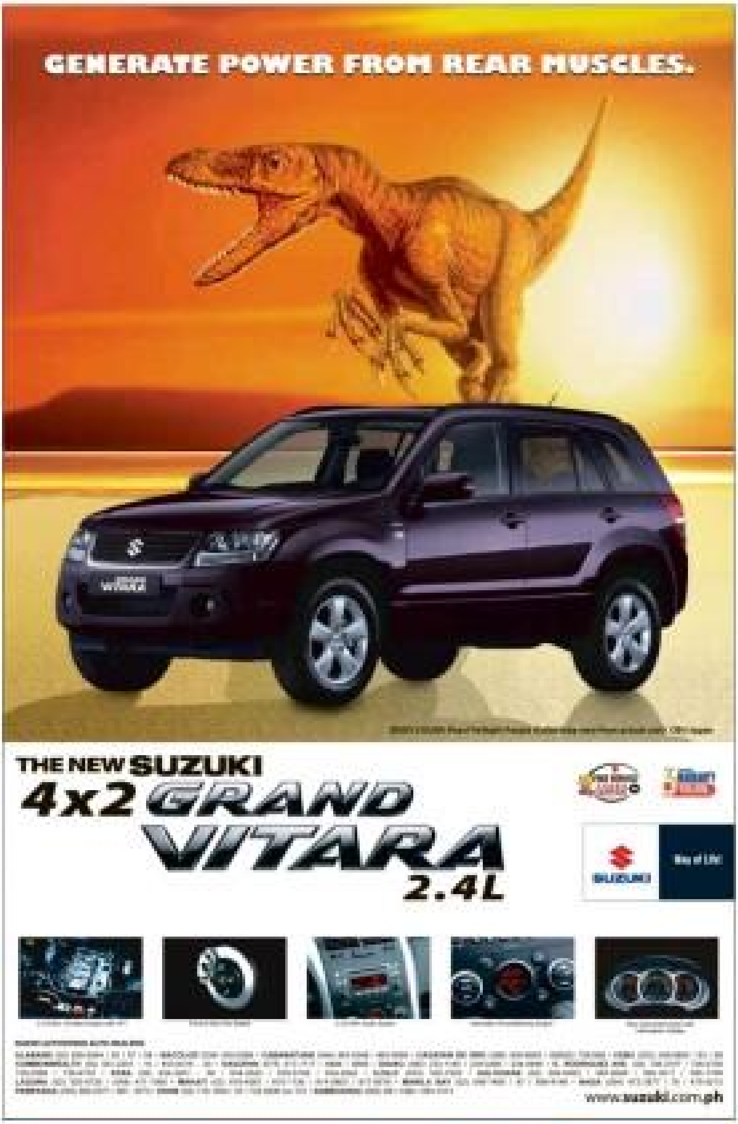


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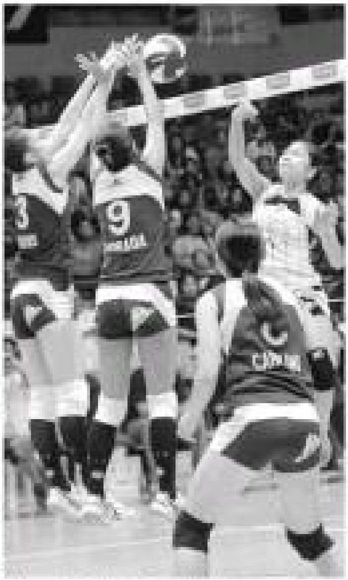
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Jinx hounds to PBA's trips to Bicol

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All eyes on Ginebra as Gin Kings battle Tigers today

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PACQUIAO PRESTIGE CUP AT THE BIG DOME ON MAY 26

The excitement never stops at the Araneta Coliseum as it stages the Manny Pacquiao Prestige Cup this May 26 immediately after the finals of the "Olympics of Cockfighting," the World Slasher Cup 2.

The one-day 5-cock derby is expected to attract more than 100 top-seeded entries. Submission of weights is on May 25, Monday from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Minimum weight for cocks is 1.9 kilos while maximum weight is pegged at 2.45 kilos.

Cockfight enthusiasts and derby aficionados raring to watch world-class cockfighting are invited to get in touch with Boy San Pedro or Dong Lamaste at 911-2928 or 911-3101 loc. 8301 or 8351.

For more details, log on to **www.aranetacoliseum.com** and **www.ticketnet.com.ph**

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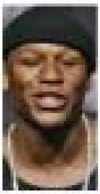


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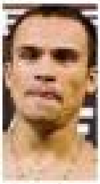




Mayweather sets sights on greatness



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BUSINESS

BSP forecasts gradual export recovery

Demand seen picking up in 2nd half of 2009

THE COUNTRY'S EXPORTS PLUMMETED TO RECORD LEVELS IN the past months, but the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) said the worst may soon be over for exporters as global demand is expected to recover gradually in the second half.

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Regus' road map for beating recession directs businesses towards flexible workplace strategies

BSP forecasts gradual export recovery

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Smart pushes 'Internet for All' agenda

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Squirt Media to tap fast-growing online entertainment industry

By Doris C. Dumlao

Oil firm posts ₱523-M profit

By Amy R. Remo

ATI seeks court's help over port row

By Riza T. Olchondra

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Editor Cesar D. Mangawang



2009 E-CLASS

Making buyers head back to showrooms



THE REAR styling of the 2009 E-Class pays homage to the 1953 "Ponton" predecessor.

By Charles E. Buban

As car sales continue to plunge in the face of worldwide decline in demand, Mercedes-Benz made sure that the new vehicle that comes out of their Stuttgart (Germany) headquarters would not only stir up interest but also give buyers enough reason to head back to the showroom.

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Raising the bar in hotel/resort design



'Brangelina' weren't here–too bad for them

JOY WASSMER NEVER thought island life could be this hectic. She was just on the phone with People magazine, trying to explain that no, the "Brangelina" couple wasn't at Shangri-La Boracay, nor were they expected. This, after Wassmer, as director of Shangri-La's Corporate Communications, had parried similar questions from other press agencies.

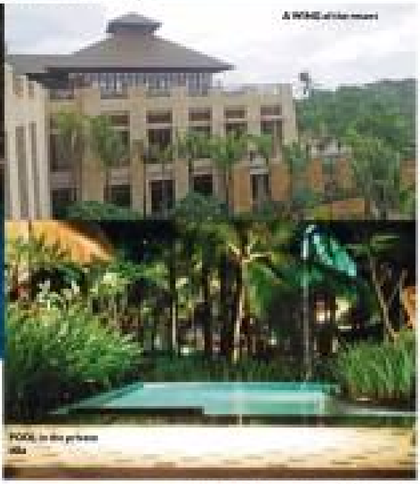
So Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie in the "it" destination of 2009.

But the new island resort never runs out of name-droppables among its guests. The





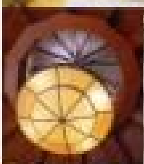




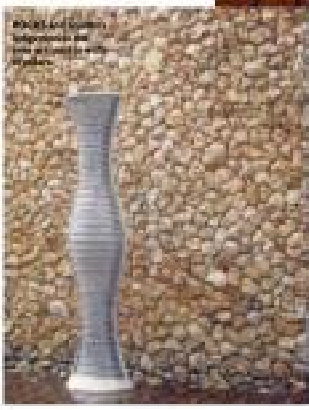
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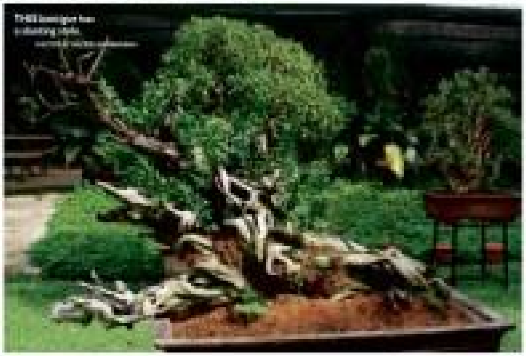
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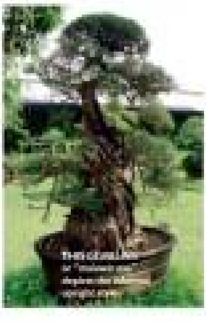
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By Margie C. Enriquez
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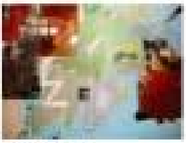
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LIFESTYLE Home & Entertaining

Small space or tight budget shouldn't stop you from having nice design


DRESS up your table napkin with lace, faux pearl and brooch.

Styling tables on a budget

By Irene C. Perez

GOT TOO MANY trinkets at home? Use easy-to-find and affordable accent pieces to liven up your dining table. You don't have to be a pro to create a pretty table setting, just be creative—explore and experiment. Think fun and functional.

Designer Ruben Quijano (0917-5241652; rubenquijano@yahoo.com) gives tips on how materials found in your house could double as table accessories. The easiest way to make your table look styled is by using napkin rings, he said.

"Just roll the napkin and hold it together with the rings," he said. "You may use old Christmas tree decor, bangles, strands of faux pearls, or lace that you could buy by the yard."

Have beads from old or broken bracelets? Re-string them with an elastic cord and use them to keep the napkin in place. And the best thing is you can give them to guests as well.

If you're feeling generous and want to give your visitors an extra treat, you may give them freshly baked breads with homemade jam or a pot of fresh herbs.

Quijano, a columnist of MyHome magazine, recently showed us how to do a Spanish-inspired dinner setup at the recent Table and Flower Arrangement workshop in Dimensione on Bonifacio High Street in Taguig.

He used materials that could easily be bought in Dimensione, like LSA vases, Chilewich tabletop and [illegible] together with island [illegible] flowers to come up with an attractive arrangement that could sure make your guests feel welcome and would easily be a conversation piece.

The table was a rich mix of black, white and red with gold and green accents.

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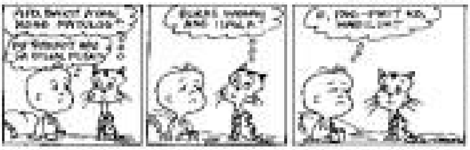


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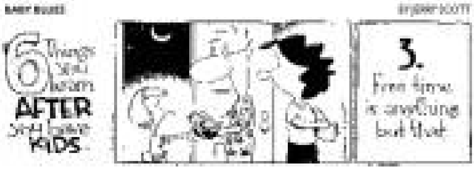


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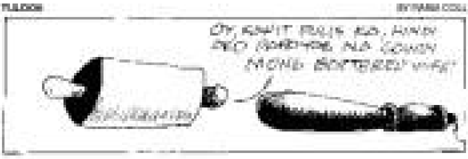




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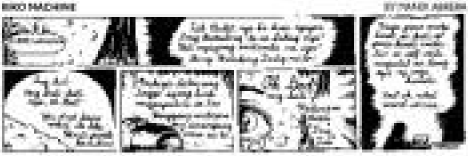
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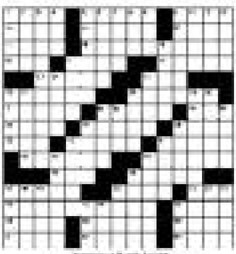
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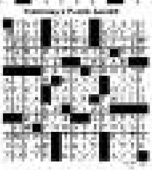




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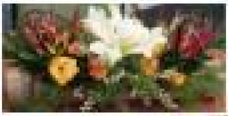
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Answer to previous puzzle





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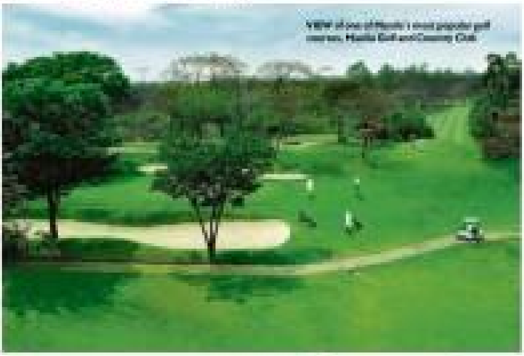
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Go lean and green this school year

THE CONSUMER
Linda B. Bolido



THE AETA Living Museum in Hayang Pilipino in Clark Expo, officially launched last April 29, was highlighted by a traditional Aeta ritual. Photo shows an Aeta elderly couple singing a traditional thanksgiving song accompanied by their ethnic musical instrument. On stage, witnessing the ritual, are Angeles City Vice Mayor Vicky Vega-Cabigting, Clark Development Corporation president and CEO Benigno N. Ricafort, special guest Amal Panda, Hayang Pilipino executive director Atty. Charito L. Planas, Indigenous Peoples Commissioner Rolando Rivera, Department of Tourism Region III director Ronnie Tiotuico, and Mad ... Aeta Foundation chairperson Rosalio Magaña



VIEW of one of Manila's most popular golf courses, Manila Golf and Country Club

Panoramic view from luxury condo

THE LURE OF GOLF HAS A HISTORY AS old as the sport. From the very first swings thrown in Scotland, man's love for this unique sport has only strengthened over time.

In the Philippines, the love of golf, first brought over by Brits working for the Manila Railway Company, is attested by the many courses scattered throughout the country today. From Benguet all the way to Davao, there is always a place to put your swings to the test.

This passion also translates into the desire of many golfers to have an address that puts them closer to the greens. Has it not been the wish of every golfer to wake up every day to the first ray of sunshine breaking through the morning mist gently rising over the greens?

The location is 8 Forbes Town Road, fronting the exclusive Manila Golf and Country Club. The luxury condominium provides panoramic views of the urban golf course from any of its spacious one to three-bedroom residences. Imagine a panoramic canvas of verdant Japanese lawn green with towers of glass and steel peeking from beyond. In the evening, this view lights up with the unforgettable, incandescent glitter of the Makati skyline.

Your home is also a great sanctuary to relax after a long, hard day on the greens. One can de-stress in the fully equipped gym, take soothing massages at the condo's outdoor spa or jump into the infinity pool and let yourself get lost in the view.

Golf and its concomitant lifestyle will always carry an aura that will always captivate many. At 8 Forbes Town Road, this kind of living becomes within reach. Over here, hitting the greens has never been closer.



8 FORBES Town Road Golf View Residences overlooks the Manila Golf and Country Club at Bonifacio Global City



LUXURIOUS master's bedroom

LIFESTYLE Parenting



For her kiddie subjects, playtime first before photoshoot





> 'I don't force them to cooperate. I just say let's play, let's jump around, let's be silly'






STEPHANIE Z. with Establishment's Archie Rodriguez

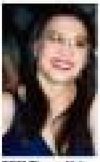





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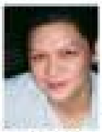


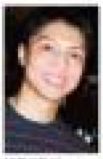

LISA Marcos and Marco Lobregat


PROUD mom Vicky Zubiri



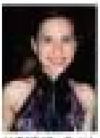

NUVO and Members Only main man Louie Tamari with dazzling Stephanie Zubiri


PHILIPPINE Tatler and Establishment's Anton San Diego


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Stephanie Zubiri makes her culinary debut

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

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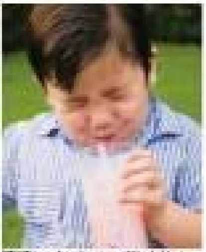
















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New handbook on parenting

By Rowena C. Burgos



Written in English and Tagalog, 'Memo ni Mommy' is a positive approach to parenting

GUIDING CHILDREN wisely in this ever-changing world can be confusing, frustrating and overwhelming.

Rhodora A. Rino makes one's job easier—whether you're a parent, teacher, counselor or nanny—through "Memo ni Mommy."

Written in English and Tagalog, "Memo ni Mommy" is a positive approach to parenting that is simple, easily understood and applicable to any situation.

The book features 40 articles giving practical advice and suggestions for a parent's day-to-day interactions with children on such areas as discipline, social skills, self-confidence and more.

"For real and lasting change to take place, let us start with children. Appropriate and right interventions during childhood can prevent damage that would be virtually impossible to repair later in life," says Josefina Gutierrez, national director, Philippine Children's Ministries Network, in the book's foreword.



RHODORA Rino

Childhood is that stage of life where the shaping of adult life takes place. "The brains are 90 percent formed before we reach the age of three, and 85 percent of our adult personality is formed by the time we are six years of age," Gutierrez says.



Radio program

"Memo ni Mommy" is based on the radio program that has been broadcast on DZAS for the past 15 years.

Rino' words of advice come from years of personal and educational preparation, as mother to two boys who are now professionals and wife to an engineer.

She has two master's degrees—in Family Life and Child Development (University of the Philippines Diliman) and in Christian Leadership (Asian Theological Seminary). She also has a doctorate degree in Education Administration (UP Diliman).

Topics

The book's contents include Training for Life, Enhancing Family Relationships, Cultivating Self-Confidence, Influencing Behavior, Harnessing Social Skills, School Matters, Health and Wellness, Managing Financial Challenges and Responding to Pressing Challenges.

"The book may be small but it talks about big ideas that bring about significant impact in making a difference in one's mothering skills," says Rino in the introduction.

"Memo ni Mommy" can help develop a happy home with open lines of communication managed by parents who demonstrate a sense of order in their relationships with their children, and who remain in control—in an out-of-control world.





AT THE RIBBON-CUTTING to relaunch Kultura Filipino at Mall of Asia: interior designer and TV host Tessa Prieto-Valdes, Kultura's VP for operations Ivy Yap and BC Development Corp. president Carmen Yulo.

Lifestyle retail store features creations of Negros producers

A BIGGER AND MORE exciting Kultura Filipino recently opened its doors to the public at the SM Mall of Asia. Located at the Main Mall's second level, the 1,260-sq-m store has an updated look with minimalist interiors, subtle lighting and sleek display shelves to highlight its exquisitely crafted items. It also has a new home section featuring the latest collection of the Association of Negros Producers.



HOME decor from the Association of Negros Producers

BC Development Corp. president Carmen Yulo, interior designer and television host Tessa Prieto-Valdes, and Kultura's VP for operations Ivy Yap shared hosting duties during the ribbon-cutting ceremony.



SHELL craft mirrors and boxes

Guests included members of the local expat community and foreign clients such as Jill Rockingham, wife of the British Ambassador; Belen Lobeda Mico, wife of the Spanish counselor; Eugenie Pernal, Ramina Camosio, Lorraine Casey and Sol Lofton. Well-renowned Filipino lifestyle designers like Chito Vijandre and Ricky Toledo of Firma; Josephine Locsin of the Association of Negros Producers; fashion designer Nono Palmos; Jun Allmagno of Mariposa's Embroidery; Angelo Sabado of Angelo Glass; Pinky Yang of Ping Treasures and Ruben Pijuel of Tabunyahan de Filipino also graced the occasion. SM officials led by SM Retail president Teresita Sy-Coson welcomed them.



FLOOR and hanging lamps from Bacolod

Kultura Filipino today is known as the largest Filipino lifestyle retail chain offering indigenous and well-crafted products from all over the Philippines. The store also offers foreX, gift-wrapping, delivery and online reservation services.

Kultura Filipino stores are at the SM Mall of Asia, SM Makati, SM Megamall A, The Block in SM City North Edsa, and SM City Cebu.



NEW graphics installed inside Kultura Filipino at Mall of Asia



A BIGGER, more exciting store

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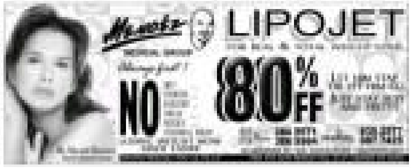
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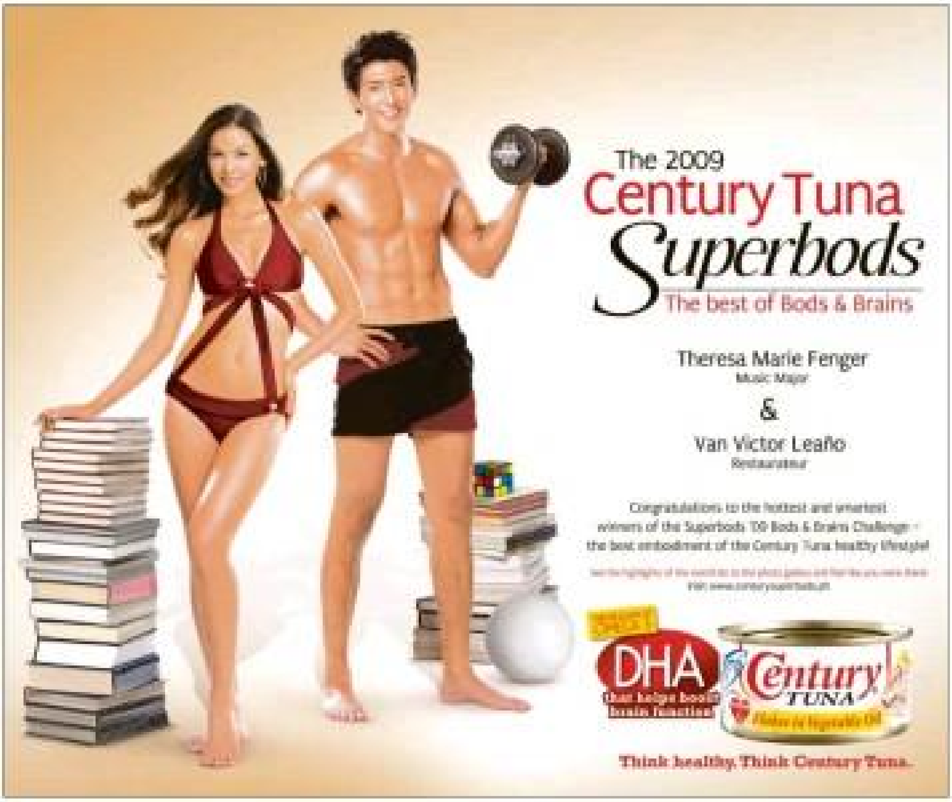


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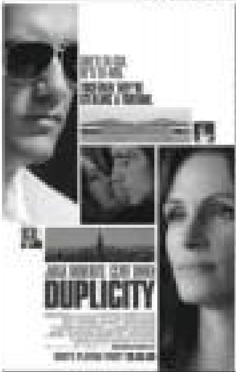
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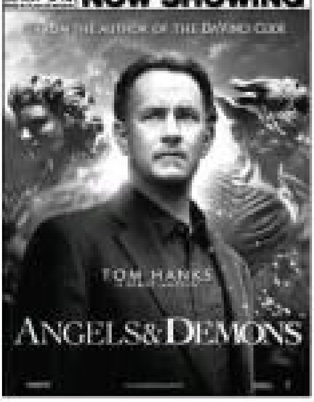
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Going mainstream

A Goliath reception for two Davids in concert

Fans went wild over Archuleta's falsetto and Cook's husky vocals

By Pocholo Concepcion
Photo by Jim Gokao Ponzales

AS EARLY AS 4 P.M. LINES HAD formed at the entrances to the concert venue. At show time, promoters said the crowd had swelled to 60,000. That was how Pinoy fans gave David Cook and David Archuleta a Goliath reception at their back-to-back gig Saturday night at the Mall of Asia open-air grounds.

REVIEW

Archuleta, who first took the stage, was bursting with energy bouncing along to solid rhythms provided by a live backup, the 18-year-old "American Idol" Season 7 runner-up was like a one-man boy band who sang earnestly about teenybopper concerns.

Melancholic tones

The fans screamed each time he locked out in his melancholic tones, which glided into a falsetto on the high notes.

He also played a few tracks on keyboards.

All but two of the 13 songs he rendered were originals from his debut album. Most of them had generic, catchy melodies. The songwriting seemed deliberately formulaic, although his fine vocals made up for the drawbacks.

A couple of hits, "A Little Too Not Over You" and "Crush," demonstrated how an audience would always fall for pop hooks.

But Archuleta's version of a 1961 soul classic, Ben E. King's "Stand By Me," was the best of the lot and proved something that night—young stars need to learn old songs in order to appreciate their worth.

Which was also the case with Cook, whose covers of Mariah Carey's "Always Be My Baby" and Fleetwood Mac's "Little Lies" illustrated his awesome ability to breathe new life to previous old tunes.

At 26, the "Idol" Season 7 champ performed like a veteran rocker, his husky growling vocals—partly reminiscent of Bob Seger and Eddie Vedder—leading the band with high-voltage power while playing electric rhythm guitar. It was a voice that packed much emotion without going over the top.



ARCHULETA sang like a one-man boy band.

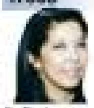
Loud, scorching music

If some people felt alienated because they hardly recognized Cook's repertoire—mostly tracks from his debut solo album not heard yet on radio and at least one from his pre-"Idol" days—these were others who were blown away by the loud, scorching blast of his music.

At some point, the concert audience—many of whom came as a family from ages 8 to 50—could've been disoriented from hearing Backstreet Boys-style pop followed by Pearl Jam-sounding rock 'n' roll.

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Dolly Anne Carvajal

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ASIA Agcaoili and Dutch boyfriend Michael Seligman, with baby Alexander (inset)

Mother's grandson

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Idols meet Champ

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